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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Matthew P. Carter et al.

Appln. No.: 10/728,589

Examiner: Melanie Ruano
Tyson

Filed: December 4, 2003

Art Unit: 3731

For: BILIARY STENT INTRODUCER SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No: 10000-218

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Election/Restriction Requirement
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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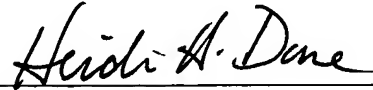
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement in the Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group II corresponding to claims 24-32 and 36, drawn to a method. Applicants reserve the right to file additional applications to pursue non-elected inventions, and to add dependent claims after the allowance of the elected claims.

Application Serial No. 10/728,589
Client/Matter No. 10000-218
Response to Restriction/Election
November 6, 2006

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for early allowance.
Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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